

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the Amendment filed on July 12, 2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-61.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 13 November 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

I. Statement of Reasons for Allowance:

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art cited herein fails to disclose an intelligent multifunctional mailbox having an unique identification number comprising a main case having at least one built-in regular compartment, a control panel located at easy accessible top portion of the case, wherein the panel comprising a programmable keypad, at least one LED status light, a first video camera, a first connector providing interface for all wires and power of the compartment, means for storing the captured video/audio data from the camera, at least one stackable secured module compartment having a door with magnetic door lock controlled by the programmable keypad through assigned passwords, means for sounding alarm while the door is opened, an optional auxiliary camera, an occupancy sensor coupling to the control panel, an optional means for controlling compartment temperature coupling to the occupancy sensor, a plurality of second connectors, which are the complementary of the first connector and connect the wires and power between the main case and the secured module compartments and a power line.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

II. Examiner's Amendment:

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CAR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Examiner's Amendment

In the claims:

In claim 4, lines 1-2, the phrase "a plurality of connecting slots where a memory device" has been changed to - - the plurality of connecting slots where the memory device --.

In claim 5, lines 1-2, the phrase "a plurality of connecting slots where a memory device" has been changed to - - the plurality of connecting slots where the memory device --.

In claim 7, line 1, the phrase "as claim 5" has been changed to - - as claim 6--.

In claim 20, lines 2-3, the phrase "a remote device further comprising means for transmitting and receiving data and control signals with a remote device" has been changed to - - the remote device further comprising means for transmitting and receiving data and control signals with the remote device --.

In claim 21, line 1, the phrase "claim 19" has been changed to - -claim 20--.

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In claim 21, line 2, the phrase "a remote device" has been changed to - - the remote device--.

In claim 25, line 1, the phrase "as claim 19" has been changed to - - as claim 20-

In claim 29, lines 1-2, the phrase "a remote device" has been changed to - - the remote device--.

In claim 33, line 1, the phrase "as claim 19" has been changed to - - as claim 32-

In claim 35, lines 1-2, the phrase "a switch offering a plurality of selections to select from a" has been changed to - - the switch offering the plurality of selections to select from the--.

In claim 36, lines 1-2, the phrase "a switch offering a plurality of selections to select from a" has been changed to - - the switch offering the plurality of selections to select from the--.

In claim 43, line 2, the phrase "a remote device" has been changed to - - the remote device--.

In claim 43, line 3, the phrase "a remote device" has been changed to - - the remote device--.

In claim 44, line 2, the phrase "a remote device" has been changed to - - the remote device--.

In claim 45, line 2, the phrase "a remote device" has been changed to - - the remote device--.

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In claim 49, lines 1-2, the phrase "a memory device" has been changed to - - the memory device--.

In claim 53, line 1, the phrase "as claim 43" has been changed to - - as claim 52-

In claim 55, lines 1-2, the phrase "a switch offering a plurality of selections to select from a" has been changed to - - the switch offering the plurality of selections to select from the--.

In claim 56, lines 1-2, the phrase "a switch offering a plurality of selections to select from a" has been changed to - - the switch offering the plurality of selections to select from the--.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Anh V. La whose telephone number is (571) 272-2970. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri from 9:30am to 6:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jeffery Hofsass can be reached on (571) 272-2981. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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